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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C., }
NOVEMBER 17, 1870. }

IN accordance with the resolution of adjournment, adopted at its last meeting, the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA, and adjacent States, met in St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., on Thursday, November 17, 1870, and began the Sessions of its Forty-Sixth Annual Convention.

FIRST SESSION.

10½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened by the President according to our established order. The Secretary called the roll, and the following registry was made :

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.

Rev. JOHN BACHMAN, D.D.	Charleston, S. C.
" WM. BERLY	Lexington, S. C.
" C. F. BANSEMER*	Savannah, Ga.
" B. F. BERRY	Cowpen Branch, S. C.
" T. S. BOINEST	Pomaria, S. C.
" E. A. BOLLES	Columbia, S. C.
" W. S. BOWMAN	Charleston, S. C.
" E. CAUGHMAN	Leesville, S. C.
" P. DERRICK	Leesville, S. C.
" J. N. DERRICK	Lexington, S. C.
" S. T. HALLMAN	Fort Motte, S. C.
" J. HAWKINS	Frog Level, S. C.
" W. W. HICKS	Charleston, S. C.
" J. H. HONOUR	Charleston, S. C.

* Appeared on Friday.

Rev. A. W. LINDLER.....	Leesville, S. C.
“ J. B. LOWMAN.....	Lexington, S. C.
“ B. KREPS.....	Ridge Spring, S. C.
“ J. P. MARGART.....	Eufala, Ala.
“ L. MULLER.....	Charleston, S. C.
“ A. R. RUDE, D.D.....	Columbia, S. C.
“ J. A. SLIGH.....	Pomaria, S. C.
“ Prof. J. P. SMELTZER.....	Walhalla, S. C.
“ J. H. W. WERTZ... ..	Leesville, S. C.
“ H. S. WINGARD †.....	Newberry, S. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.

Rev. J. H. BAILEY †.....	Leesville, S. C.
“ S. BOUKNIGHT †.....	Leesville, S. C.
“ D. P. CAMMAN.....	Augusta, Ga.
“ E. DUFFORD.....	Fort Motte, S. C.
“ W. A. HOUCK †.....	Orangeburg, S. C.
“ D. SHEALY †.....	Rockville, S. C.
“ J. D. SHIERY §.....	Newberry, S. C.

LICENTIATES ABSENT.

Rev. D. KYSER †.....	Lexington, S. C.
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MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Maj. P. E. WISE.....	<i>Treasurer of Synod.</i>
Mr. J. F. SCHIRMER.....	<i>Treasurer of Seminary Fund.</i>
Mr. T. W. HOLLOWAY.....	<i>Treasurer of Widow's Fund.</i>
Capt. JOHN P. AULL.....	<i>Treasurer Missionary Society.</i>

LAY DELEGATES.

J. F. FICKEN.....	from Rev. Dr. Bachman's charge.
EMANUAL BLACK.....	from Rev. J. H. Bailey's charge.
M. D. HARMON.....	from Rev. W. Berly's charge.
C. EHRHARDT.....	from Rev. B. F. Berry's charge.
J. E. CHAPMAN.....	from Rev. T. S. Boinest's charge.
CAPT. G. S. HACKER.....	from Rev. W. S. Bowman's charge.
F. J. GATES.....	from Rev. P. Derrick's charge.
J. E. RAWL.....	from Rev. J. N. Derrick's charge.
G. J. ZEAGLER.....	from Rev. S. T. Hollman's charge.
DR. O. B. MAYER.....	from Rev. J. Hawkins' charge.

† Ordained at present Meeting. ‡ Excused. § Received at present Meeting.

THOMAS SENN.....from Rev J. B. Lowman's charge.
 J. F. LILLIENTHAL from Rev. L. Muller's charge.
 CAPT. W. K. BACHMAN.....from Rev. Dr. Rude's charge.
 WILSON H. DICKERT.....from Rev. J. A. Sligh's charge.
 SAM. SCHMUCKER SMELTZER..from Prof. J. P. Smeltzer's charge.
 W. HALTIWANGER.....from J. H. W. Wertz's charge.

Rev. D. M. Gilbert, Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of Georgia; Rev. C. S. Vedder, of the French Protestant Church; Rev. Mr. Wannamaker, of the M. E. Church South, and Messrs. H. S. Wingard and Geo. A. Hough, Theological students, were introduced and invited to sit as advisory members.

The President read his annual address, which was received and ordered to be referred to a committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BELoved BRETHREN:—We are again permitted to meet in synodical convention, to declare what the Lord has done for our churches, to report the results of our labor, and to devise means for the continued welfare of Zion. With fervent gratitude to Him who loved, redeemed and called us, and whose servants we are, let us devote our strength and time, earnestly and self-denyingly, to the accomplishment of the purposes for which we are assembled together. May we all realize both our responsibility and accountability. We are but stewards. Of clerical members of this Synod, not one has been called away; but we mourn the death of the delegate from St. John's church, Charleston, Brother H. Cobia. He has gone to his reward: we feel assured that our loss is his gain. Let us remember that time is fleeting, and that we, therefore, ought to be up and doing, with all our might; be instant, in season and out of season, proving ourselves workmen, each in his sphere, whether it be the pulpit or the pew, that need not be ashamed, and watching, serving, waiting, look constantly for the coming of the Lord.

My official acts are few. The Synod has indeed a formula of government discipline, but it seems to have become obsolete. I beg leave to present the following items:

1. PASTORATES.

At our last convention the churches within our bounds were laid off in pastorates. It is our impression that this measure met the approval of both pastors and people, and

that the greater number of our churches are now united into self-sustaining pastoral districts; that every charge has secured a pastor; that parsonages are being provided, and liberal salaries guaranteed.

2. INSTALLATIONS.

December 7, 1869, Rev. W. W. Hicks was installed assistant Pastor of St. John's church, Charleston.

January 9, 1870, Rev. J. Hawkins was installed at Newberry, as pastor of the Newberry charge.

3. CORNER STONE LAID.

One at Lexington, S. C., where a church has since been dedicated.

4. BENEFICIARIES.

The report of the President of Newberry College, marked No. 1, indicates that our beneficiaries are all that we could desire them to be and well deserving of the continued support of the church. Three of them are prepared to enter the Seminary. What action will the Synod take? Lay hands on them suddenly, or provide means which will enable them to continue their preparation at a Theological Seminary?

5. PASTORAL CHANGES.

There have been quite a number during the past year, but as no official notice of any such has been received, I have nothing to communicate.

6. THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The attention of Synod is called to the following items:

1. *Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the Minutes of the Synod be published, and that each District Synod pay its *pro rata* share of the expenses for the printing of the Minutes, and forward the same, after the adjournment of each Synod, to the Treasurer of the General Synod.

2. *The Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.*—Whereas, there exists a pressing necessity for a Theological Seminary in the bounds of the General Synod, therefore your committee recommend the following:

1. That the Theological Seminary be located at Columbia, South Carolina, for the present.

2. That donations be solicited from the different District Synods for the support of the Professors.

3. That an agent be employed for the purpose of securing permanent funds for investment.

4. That the Board of Directors of the Seminary be author-

ized to provide for the re-opening of the Seminary at as early a day as practicable.

Synodical action on both items is respectfully invited.

7. LAST MINUTES.

Two changes in our Constitution were made at our last Synodical Convention, neither of which have been recorded. I would recommend that they be published with the minutes of the present meeting.

8. ENQUIRIES.

1. I received a letter from Rev. S. Bouknight, dated November 10th, in which he asks for council in a "matter pertaining to the pastorates, according to the arrangement of Synod." As the Synodical Convention was close at hand, and any action of mine might have interfered with the official rights of my successor, I prefer to lay the letter before Synod. (See Document No. 2.)

2. A communication from Mr. C. P. Boozer, one of our beneficiaries, which I, in accordance with his request, present to Synod. (See No. 3.)

9. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The appointment of a Committee to revise our Constitution, that all changes which have been made since its adoption may be incorporated in it, and also that it may be made to harmonize and agree with the formula adopted by the General Synod.

2. Our present domestic missionary organization seems not to be a success. I would recommend, first, the continuation of the society; second, that the business be transacted in open Synod.

3. Synod is indebted to its beneficiaries; the Apostolic rule is: "Owe no man anything." It is unnecessary to multiply words; our candidates for the ministry must not suffer. Synod must fulfill its obligations to them, the arrears must be made up, and it can be done if proper efforts are made. Will Synod discharge its duty? (See Document No. 6.)

4. The College endowment. Two agents have been in the field. No reports have been received. The church is in the dark. Light and much light is needed, and the agents ought to be called on for their reports.

CONCLUSION.

According to the action of last Synod, which so changed our Constitution as to make the office I hold annual, I now, grateful for your support, forbearance and fraternal affection, resign it into your hands. May God bless the Church of the Reformation. Amen.

A. R. RUDE.

The annual election for officers of Synod resulted in the choice of the following persons:

President—Rev. J. Hawkins.

Recording Secretary—Rev. J. A. Sligh.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer.

Treasurer of Synod—Maj. P. E. Wise.

Treasurer of Seminary Fund—Jacob F. Schirmer.

Treasurer of Widows' Fund—T. W. Holloway.

Treasurer of Missionary Society—Capt. J. P. Aull.

The corresponding delegate to the North Carolina Synod, Rev. J. Hawkins, read his report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO N. C. SYNOD.

When apprised of the time of the meeting of the N. C. Synod, I had arrangements made for services which demanded my presence, I immediately informed the alternate, who was also prevented from attending. I then wrote to that body, informing the brethren of our continued fraternal feelings and prayers for their success. My letter was received and read before the Synod, and kindly noticed in their minutes. I regretted my inability to attend the meeting of their Synod, but could not do so under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted.

J. HAWKINS.

Rev. J. A. Sligh, corresponding delegate to the Georgia Synod, reported verbally that he was unable to attend the last annual meeting of that body, whereupon it was

Resolved, That he be excused for non-attendance.

Letters and Documents intended for Synod were called for by the President, to be placed into the hands of the proper committees.

The corresponding Secretary, Rev. Prof. Smeltzer, reported as follows:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary has received but one communication, which he is unable to judge whether it should be rejected or not. It is herewith submitted to Synod together with the reply.

A copy of the minutes was sent to each of the Southern Synods, but only the minutes of the Tennessee and Georgia Synods received.

The Tennessee Synod met in Emanuel Church, Shanandoah County, October 15th, 1869. Its officers are, Rev. T. Miller, Pres., Rev. S. Henkel, Sec., Rev. A. J. Fox, Cor. Sec. and Rev. J. S. Bennick, Treas. This Synod is not yet ready to unite with any of the General bodies of the Lutheran church, but making efforts to form a union with the Holston Synod. Two of the ministers of this Synod have died, viz: Rev. Jacob Stierwalt and Rev. E. E. Smyre.

The minutes of the eleventh Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Georgia was held in Laurel Hill church, September 29, 1870. The officers elected are Rev. E. Elmore, Pres., Brother D. M. Gilbert, Sec., and Mr. J. R. Rahn, Treas. Rev. D. M. Gilbert was appointed delegate to this Synod. There was nothing found in these minutes requiring the action of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SMELTZER, *Cor. Sec.*

Parochial Reports were called for, which, in connection with a narrative on the State of religion, were read by the different pastors. (*See Appendix.*)

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That this body hold its sessions daily, from 9 o'clock, A. M. until 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the President was allowed to retire for a short time to appoint the standing committees. Rev. Prof. Smeltzer in the chair.

Rev. T. S. Boinest was elected delegate, and Rev. J. A. Sligh alternate, to the Synod of Georgia.

Rev. W. S. Bowman was chosen the delegate, and Rev. J. H. W. Wertz the alternate, to the N. C. Synod.

The President resumed his seat and announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *On President's Report*—Revs. Bowman and Wertz, and J. F. Ficken.

2. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. Honour, and Caughman, and C. Ehrhardt.

3. *On State of the Church*—Revs. Smeltzer and J. N. Derrick, and F. J. Gates.

4. *On Synodical Fund*—Messrs. Hacker, Harmon and S. S. Smeltzer.

5. *On Widows' Fund*—Messrs. Haltiwanger, Black and Chapman.

6. *On Seminary Fund*—Messrs. Wise, Zeagler and Dickert.

7. *On Letters No. 1*—Revs. Rude and Muller, and J. F. Schirmer.

8. *On Letters No. 2*—Revs. Margart and Hicks, and F. G. Lillienthal.

9. *On Letters No. 3*—Revs. Berly and Lindler, and Thomas Senn.

10. *On Letters No. 4*—Revs. Boinest, Kreps, and Hallman.

11. *On Letters No. 5*—Rev. L. Muller, Dr. O. B. Mayer and F. J. Lilienthal.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Newberry College read his annual report as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

The exercises of College were continued as usual after the rising of Synod. The Board of Trustees held several meetings during commencement week at Walhalla. Prof. Smeltzer read his annual report as President *pro tem.* of College, in which he stated that eighty-two students were enrolled during the spring term, and the amount of tuition had increased 30 per cent. over last year. Good order had been observed and commendable progress reported on the part of the students.

The citizens of Walhalla guaranteed to the Board the undisturbed use of the College building and pledged to the Board fifty subscribers to the \$20 plan.

The Board thereupon resolved, in the name of Almighty God and in firm reliance upon His grace and aid, to continue the exercises of the College and to put Prof. Smeltzer into the field, in addition to the Agent of the Synod, until at least one hundred and fifty subscribers are secured.

Prof. Smeltzer accepted the agency and has been laboring with encouraging success. His services are not required at the college at present, and he receives as compensation for his services the salary paid him annually by the Board.

A committee of the Board conferred with the faculty, and expressed to the professors our entire satisfaction with their services and our regret at the low condition of our finances; and the faculty in return assured us of their sympathy, and nobly agreed to continue their services, hoping for a brighter day.

The commencement exercises were all that the Board could desire. The students sustained the reputation of our pro-

fessors by a very creditable examination. Four young men were graduated, and took their degree with much credit to themselves, and the Board left Walhalla more deeply impressed than ever before with the incalculable importance to our Church of Newberry College.

Synod adjourned until Friday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Prof. Smeltzer.

Divine service in the evening, sermon by the Rev. Prof. Smeltzer.

SECOND SESSION.

NOVEMBER 18th, 1870.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. W. Hicks. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Rev. C. F. Bansemer and Capt. W. K. Bachman, delegates from Columbia church, appeared as members of Synod.

Rev. Dr. Rude presented a letter from the congregation of Union church authenticating the appointment of Mr. T. C. Moore as commissioner from that congregation.

On motion, Mr. Moore was received, and the communication referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Prof. Smeltzer, P. Derrick, and Mr. Wm. Haltiwanger.

Rev. J. H. Honour read the report of Committee No. 2, which was received and taken up by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

The Committee on unfinished business respectfully report:

1. Instructions were given to the delegates to the General Synod to ask for a relinquishment of their claim to the property of the Theological Seminary. Was the request made? If so, with what result?

2. A resolution was adopted (page 24) requiring pastors to resign their charges, with a view to enable the churches to comply with the plan for districting the pastorates. Has this been done?

3. On same page, pastors are not allowed to accept a call to any church in any pastorate unless he accepts a call to the whole. Has this been complied with?

4. On page 27, an advisory Committee to the agent of New-

berry College was appointed to appropriate the funds collected by the agent to the payment of the salaries of the professors. What amount was received and paid?

5. On page 28, a committee was appointed to take charge of the interest of the College building, receive and pay monies pertaining to the same. Have they performed this duty?

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. HONOUR,
E. CAUGHMAN,
C. EHRHARDT.

Item I. Rev. Boinest answered, that the action of the General Synod rendered it unnecessary.

Item II. Was answered affirmatively by all the pastors.

Item III. Was answered affirmatively by all the pastors, save one, which was referred to the following committee: Revs. Bowman, Wertz, and Mr. Haltiwanger.

Item IV. Was laid on the table for the present.

Item V. Was answered in the affirmative by Prof. Smeltzer, who stated that the claims were all satisfied and title could now be vested according to direction of Synod.

Rev. J. P. Margart presented the report of Committee No. 8, which was received and referred to the Committee on Pastoral Districts, appointed under item III. of previous report, Messrs. Bowman, Wertz and Haltiwanger.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 2.

Committee No. 2, on Petitions, beg leave to report that they find in their hands two petitions: one from St. Peter's, and the other from St. David's church, Lexington County, S. C., praying Synod to allow their former pastor to continue his services among them. Your committee do not feel competent to make any suggestion in reference to this subject, as a compliance with the request of the petitioners would break into the arrangements made last year in reference to pastorates.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. MARGART,
W. W. HICKS,
J. F. LILIENTHAL.

Rev. Boinest reported for Committee No. 10 as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 10.

The committee find in their hands a letter of dismissal, granted by Rev. W. B. Yonce, President of the Synod of S.

W. Va., to Rev. J. D. Shirey, who will soon move to a charge within the bounds of this body, but as this document properly comes within the jurisdiction of the Ministerium, your committee recommend its reference to that body.

Respectfully submitted
T. S. BOINEST,
B. KREPS,
S. T. HALLMAN.

Rev. L. Muller read the report of Committee No. 11, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 11.

Your committee on letter No. 5 respectfully report as follows: As the new German Lutheran Congregation, at Atlanta, Georgia, is in the bounds of our sister Synod of Georgia, we would recommend the petitioners to seek a Synodical connection with that body. But we cannot refrain from expressing our best wishes for the prosperity and growth of the congregation at Atlanta. May she gather all the scattered members of our Church in that city and break the bread of life to many souls.

Respectfully submitted
J. F. LILIENTHAL,
O. B. MAYER,
L. MULLER.

Rev. W. Berly, from Committee No 9, reported, and Revs. Houck, Bailey and Shealy were excused for not attending the present meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 9.

The committee appointed on letters 1, 2, 3, and 4, submit the following report:

1. That letter No. 1 is a letter of excuse from Rev. D. Shealy, stating that personal indisposition prevents him from attending the present meeting of Synod, and hopes to be excused for non-attendance. Your committee recommend that his request be granted. He also encloses \$2 for the Missionary Society, which we herewith turn over to Synod for the object contemplated.

2. That No. 2 is a letter of similar import, from Rev. W. A. Houck. Your committee recommend that Brother Houck be excused.

3. That No. 3 is a letter from Rev. J. H. Bailey, assigning family affliction as the cause of his absence from the meeting of Synod. The committee recommended that he also be ex-

cused, and express our sympathy with all these brethren in their sufferings and afflictions.

4. That No. 4 is a letter from Rev. S. Bouknight, stating that expenses incident to a trip to Baltimore, and fees paid a Surgeon for operation performed on his eyes, have so reduced his means that he is entirely prevented from participating in our deliberations, but at the same time rejoices that his sight has been restored. We also rejoice with our brother and suggest that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted

W. BERLY,
A. W. LINDLER.
T. H. SENN.

Rev. E. A. Bolles, General Agent of the American Bible Society of South Carolina, addressed the Synod in reference to the Bible work in the State, and gave a comprehensive account of the work which he had accomplished during the past few years—showing a large amount of labor done, a large number of copies of the Word of God distributed, and more than \$4,000 contributed to the good work.

At the close of Rev. Mr. Bolles' address, the following resolutions, presented by Professor Smeltzer, were unanimously adopted;

WHEREAS, the Rev. E. A. Bolles, Superintendent of the American Bible Society in South Carolina, has given us a statement of the great work of the Society, and especially in this State, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the American Bible Society, distributing gratuitously the Word of God, without note or comment, to many in our State who have not, and are too indigent to purchase, the Sacred Scriptures, meets with our approbation and shall receive our hearty co-operation.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rev. E. A. Bolles, the Superintendent of the American Bible Society for South Carolina, is welcome to operate in our charges, and that we will assist him in his noble work.

The *Courier* office presented for the use of the members of the Synod a number of copies of their morning's paper.

Funds for the Synodical Treasury were called for, to be handed to the Treasurer.

Rev. W. B. Yates, of the Mariners' Church, and Rev. J. T. Wightman, of the M. E. Church South, were invited to seats.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to refund to Rev. Dr. Rude and Rev. J. Hawkins the amount of expenses incurred by them in distribution of minutes.

Elections were now held for Representatives of this Synod in the Board of the General Synod's Seminary and the Trustees of the College at Walhalla.

DIRECTORS IN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

T. S. Boinest, J. Hawkins, J. A. Sligh, and Captain W. K. Bachman and Mr. G. Dierks.

TRUSTEES OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

Revs. J. Bachman, D. D., T. S. Boinest, J. Hawkins, W. S. Bowman, W. W. Hicks, J. A. Sligh, J. H. Honour, Hon. D. Bieman, Messrs. J. Shroder, Wm. Haltiwanger, Dr. A. E. Norman. Dr. Warne, Maj. P. E. Wise, Captain J. P. Aull, Capt. W. K. Bachman, Maj. G. Leaphart, Captain G. S. Hacker and Col. Wm. Keith.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Wightman.

Preaching at night, by Rev. J. A. Sligh.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1870. }
9 O'CLOCK, A. M. }

Opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bachman.

The minutes of the previous Session were read and confirmed.

Rev. D. Kyser was excused for not attending the present meeting of Synod.

The President stated that he had received a letter from the widow of one of our ministers, asking assistance from the Widows' Fund.

On motion, the letter was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. J. F. Schirmer, P. E. Wise, E. Black.

Rev. W. S. Bowman presented the report of Committee No. 1, which was received and adopted by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

Committee No. 1 begs leave to report the able and comprehensive document placed in their hands, requires legislation upon the following important matters:

1. Your committee has learned with much pleasure that the beneficiaries of Synod, at Newberry College, have acquitted themselves nobly, and met every reasonable expectation that could have been entertained of them. We would urge the immediate payment of the amounts due these beneficiaries from this Synod, deeply regretting the past delinquency of the Church in sustaining them.

2. Your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to forward immediately to the Treasurer of General Synod, the amount of \$23.50, which this Synod owed for the printing of General Synod's Minutes.

3. The "Report of the committee on Theological Seminary," together with the letter of Mr. C. P. Boozer, a student of Theology, and similar enquiries from other theological students, asking *where* and *how* they are to pursue their theological studies, are questions that must be met and answered *here* and *now*. Your committee would therefore ask, whether the General Synod's Seminary in Columbia will be put into practical operation soon? And if not, how shall our young men receive their theological education?

4. The committee recommend that the changes in the constitution made at the last meeting of Synod, and not recorded, be placed in the Minutes of the present session.

5. In regard to the communication of our venerable and esteemed brother, Rev. S. Bouknight, your committee would recommend that no change be permitted at present in the pastoral district embracing Graniteville and Mt. Calvary, and that any local difficulty in regard to the financial and other arrangements of the pastorate be respectfully referred to the Edgefield Conference.

6. The committee recommend that a committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution of Synod as suggested by the President, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

7. Your presiding officer complains of the inefficiency of the Home Missionary Society, but as the Society is still fully organized, with responsible officers present to answer for its operations, your committee have no suggestions to make.

8. If neither the agent of the Newberry College, nor the committee under whose supervision he was instructed to act,

have furnished this body with a report of their operations, this Synod has a right to know why this is so.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. BOWMAN.
J. H. W. WERTZ.
JNO. F. FICKEN.

Item I. Adopted.

Item II. Also adopted.

Under Item III. the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors be, and are hereby requested to proceed with the preparatory arrangements for the speedy opening of the Theological Seminary of the General Synod at Columbia, and for the reception of the students of this Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That a collection be taken up in all our churches for the benefit of the Seminary on the third Sunday in December next and succeeding Sabbaths, and that the result be forwarded to the Board of Directors at Columbia, S. C.

Item IV. Was adopted and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the changes in our Constitution, made at the last Synodical Convention, and not published, striking out Chapter IX. on Licensure, and changing Articles II. of Chapter 2, so as to make the election of the officers of Synod annual, by a majority of the votes of the members present, and destroying the re-eligibility of each officer to the same office, save the Treasurer's, until after the expiration of one Synodical year, be, and are hereby, recorded in the Minutes of the present meeting of Synod.

Item V. Adopted.

Under Item VI. Revs. T. S. Boinest and A. R. Rude, D. D., and Capt. W. K. Bachman were appointed.

Under Item VII. the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, do our utmost during the ensuing year to increase the efficiency of our Missionary Society.

On motion, Item VIII. was laid on the table until Advisory Committee make their report.

Rev. Mr. Mouzon, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Rev. T. S. Boinest read the report of the delegates of this Synod to the General Synod, which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Your delegates were all, with one exception, Mr. H. Cobia, of Charleston, who was previously called to his reward, present at the meeting of the General Synod in Winchester, in May last, and they were more than ever convinced of the importance of this General Body to the success and prosperity of our Southern Church. Take away or dissolve this central organization and there is no other centre around which our whole church could cluster. Her doctrinal basis without a blemish, and an entire absence of all those peculiar "*shibboleths*," which are distracting other portions of the church, there is a bright future which, by united and active operation, she may secure for our beloved Lutheran Zion in the South; and we trust that this Synod will neither do anything nor give countenance to any measure looking to the dismemberment of the General Synod.

They, with their brethren from the other District Synods, addressed themselves with earnestness to their work, and devised measures (after mature deliberation) which, if they were carried into execution with the same unanimity with which they were adopted, would place our prosperity beyond a peradventure.

Among the most important acts of the late meeting was the establishment of our Theological Seminary. This measure was thoroughly ventilated. After due deliberation a vote was taken and the Seminary located at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., and the matter considered settled.

Upon motion of a member of their Synod, however, the vote was reconsidered, and Columbia, S. C., selected as the place, which vote was made unanimous by the members rising on the question being put by the Chairman, and every member of the General Synod pledged his united and hearty co-operation to the support of the General Synod's Theological Seminary. Professors were elected and collections were ordered to be taken in all the churches of the General Synod for their support. It will depend upon the result of these collections how soon our Theological Seminary will be organized, as there are no other means upon which the committee appointed can base their operations.

Another important transaction was the organization of a Board of Home Missions, with the Central Committee located at Winchester, and which should receive the hearty co-operation of this Synod.

Measures were also inaugurated looking to the establishment of a Book Depository, and a committee was appointed to correspond with the Synod of Mississippi to secure, if possible, their connection with the General Synod.

The President of the General Synod called the attention of the body to the importance of systematic benevolence, and your delegates would suggest that some action upon the same subject could very appropriately be had by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. BOINEST,
J. HAWKINS,
A. R. RUDE,
G. S. HACKER,
J. H. HONOUR,
Z. W. BEDENBAUGH,
J. P. SMELTZER,
P. E. WISE,
J. F. SCHIRMER.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have the seal of Synod repaired.

Capt. G. S. Hacker read the report of Committee No. 4.

P. E. WISE IN ACCOUNT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

1870.	Dr.
Oct. 15—Cash on hand.....	\$ 118 13
“ Congregational contributions received at Synod, Walhalla, S. C.....	556 48
Oct. 18—Received on Rev. B. Kreps' note.....	40 00
1870.	
Jan. 24—Received Rev. A. R. Rude.....	5 00
Jan. 27—Received Rev. S. T. Hallman.....	31 80
Feb. 11—Received William Haltiwanger.....	5 10
Feb. 15—Rev. A. R. Rude for A. K.....	20 00
	\$776 41

P. E. WISE IN ACCOUNT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

1869.	Cr.
Oct. 16—Paid Mr. D. Bieman by order of Synod..	\$ 514 00
Oct. 18—Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman.....	5 00
1870.	
Jan. 31—Paid Rev. J. Hawkins for Printing Minutes	175 00
Feb. 11—Paid Busby, Boozer and Hughes, Beneficiaries	56 00
“ Express on Money.....	60
Feb. 23—Paid D. B. Busby, Beneficiary.....	8 33 $\frac{1}{3}$
“ Paid S. P. Hughes, Beneficiary.....	8 33 $\frac{1}{3}$

Feb. 23—Paid C. P. Boozer, Beneficiary.....	8 33½
	776 10
To balance.....	31
	\$776 41

GEO. S. HACKER,
S. S. SMELTZER.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS.

Note of S. W. Boozer, with int. from Oct. 22, 1860,	\$181 00
“ Rev. J. H. Baily, “ Jan. 17, 1860,	6 50
“ Rev. J. H. Baily, “ Oct. 19, 1869,	100 00
“ J. S. Leaver, “ Oct. 24, 1860,	50 00
“ Daniel Kleckly, “ Oct. 22, 1860,	34 90
“ Elijah Wingard, “ Oct. 15, 1860,	31 85

The committee appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer of Synod report that they have examined the same and find it correct.

G. S. HACKER,
M. D. HARMAN,
S. S. SMELTZER.

Wilson H. Dickert, of Committee No. 6, reported as follows:

The committee on report of Treasurer of Seminary report that they have examined the same and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. WISE,
WILSON H. DICKERT,
G. J. ZEAGLER.

JACOB F. SCHIRMER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH LUTHERAN
SEMINARY.

1869.	Dr.
Nov.—Balance in hands reported this date.....	\$ 86 25
“ Received half year's int. on Bond of \$2000..	80 00
May—Received of Attorney net proceeds of the Bond of Sondly.....	2867 00
June—Received of Attorney final amount by com- promise on Bond of Lown.....	411 65
“ Received half year's int. on Bond of \$2000..	80 00
July—Received on account of two Bonds of 2493 13, \$1000 of which was deducted, \$317 58 for	

MINUTES.

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	expenses and claim of dower by order of Court.....	682 42
Oct.—	One year's int. on S. C. R. R. Bond, \$210, tax \$10 50.....	199 50
“	One year's int. on City Stock.....	18 00
		\$4424 82

1869.

Cr.

Nov.—	Paid Rev. Smeltzer on account \$40, ex. 50.....	40 50
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1870.

April—	Paid Rev. Smeltzer on account 100, ex. 1.....	101 00
May—	Paid Rev. Smeltzer on account 80, ex. 1.....	81 00
Aug.—	Paid Rev. Smeltzer on account 50..	50 00
Oct.—	Paid Rev. Smeltzer on account 100, ex. 1.....	101 00
May—	Deposited in Loan Association 345..	345 00
“	Amount loaned on Bond.....	2700 00
July—	Deposited in Loan Association.....	396 00
Oct.—	Deposited in Loan Association.....	600 00
	Incidental expenses past year.....	10 00

\$4424 50

Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	32
November 19, 1870.	

ASSETS.

Bond of Rev. S. R. Sheppard.....	\$479 19
“ A. E. Miller.....	1500 00
“ Dr. W. T. McFall.....	200 00
“ J. L. Metz.....	100 00
Six Bonds of S. C. R. R.....	3000 00
One Bond and Mortgage.....	2000 00
Two Bonds and Mortgage.....	1493 13
One Bond for.....	2700 00
In Loan Association.....	1341 00

Treasurer would respectfully report that at the last meeting of Synod he stated that he had two hundred dollars in hand, which he had received as a dividend from the Savings Institution, which was monies collected many years ago by some of the students then at the Seminary for the purpose of

obtaining some necessary apparatus for the Seminary. The Board of Directors of the College at the last meeting then passed a resolution instructing him to loan that amount to Mr. D. Bieman, taking his note for the same, payable on demand, without interest, which he accordingly did, said note dated October 19, 1869.

Messrs. Dickert, Rawl and Bachman were excused from further attendance upon the sessions of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Missionary Society hold a business meeting in St. John's Church, on Monday evening, at 3 o'clock, and that the addresses be delivered at night at half-past 7 o'clock.

Frog Level, S. C., was the place selected for the next meeting of Synod, and Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1871, the time.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to have twelve hundred and fifty copies of our Minutes printed for distribution.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. B. Lowman.

SATURDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The exercises preparatory to communion were conducted by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, of Savannah, Ga., and a brief address was made by the venerable Dr. Bachman.

SABBATH.

The pulpits of a number of the churches in the city having been tendered to the Synod were supplied by the following arrangements:

St. John's Lutheran Church—Rev. D. M. Gilbert, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. Hawkins, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church—Rev. C. F. Bansemer, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Wentworth street Lutheran Church—Rev. J. A. Sligh, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. D. M. Gilbert, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. H. S. Wingard, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Central Presbyterian Church—Rev. G. A. Hough, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Glebe street Church—Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Circular Church—Rev. E. A. Bolles, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

French Protestant Church—Rev. J. P. Margart, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. T. S. Boinest, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. J. Hawkins, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Spring Street Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. T. S. Boinest, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. H. S. Wingard, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Mariner's Church—Rev. S. T. Halman, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Zion Presbyterian Church, Calhoun Street—Rev. J. H. W. Wertz, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, on Wentworth st.—Rev. E. A. Bolles, at half-past 7 o'clock, A. M.

Sabbath afternoon was set apart for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and these interesting services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, the other clergymen present in turn assisting in the distribution of the elements. The members of all the Lutheran congregations in the city, and disciples of other Christian communions, united in commemorating the dying love of their Redeemer.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, Nov. 21, 1870, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. L. Muller. The minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

Rev. Prof. Smeltzer read the report of Special Committee, No. 1, on petition from Union Church, which is as follows :

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Special Committee on the petition from Union Church would report :

Whereas, The Synod has districted the Churches into Pastorates, and as Union Church is willing to abide by these arrangements of Synod, therefore,

Resolved, That Union Church be authorized to call a minister in accordance with the resolution of Synod, and that we earnestly recommend to the other Churches of the pastorate to unite with Union Church in the call of a minister.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SMELTZER.

P. DERRICK.

WM. HALTIWANGER.

The following report of Committee No. 7 was presented by Dr. Rude.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 7.

The paper in our hands is a letter from Rev. G. D. BERNHEIM, *Corresponding Delegate from North Carolina Synod*, to this body, addressed to Rev. W. Bowman, who is requested to deliver the letter "*to the President of S. C. Synod, regarding it as the greetings of the North Carolina Synod to your honorable body.*"

Rev. G. D. BERNHEIM expresses his regrets because pastoral duties have unexpectedly forced him "*to deny himself the pleasure anticipated,*" and adds, "*you have me with you in spirit and good intentions, though I am absent in the body.*"

Your Committee deem it due to Brother Bernheim to give an additional extract from the same letter, to wit: "*With all the recent letters and editorials on the North Carolina Synod which have appeared in the Lutheran Visitor, it may be regarded inappropriate to assure the South Carolina Synod of the continued regard of our Synod, but let me assure the brethren that, whatever the remarks of some of our members may have been on the floor of our Synod, the Synod itself has done nothing to break or mar the friendship which has so long existed between the Lutheran Synods of the two Carolinas. And I do sincerely hope that such an event may never take place. Hoping that your Synod may be blessed in all its deliberations, I remain, yours truly sincere,*

G. D. BERNHEIM."

The following is recommended as our Synodical response to the letter of the Corresponding Delegate from North Carolina Synod:

1. This Synod regrets exceedingly the absence of Brother Bernheim, not only because he is our brother well-beloved, but also because he was the chosen representative of our sister Synod.

2. The assurance of the fraternal regard and good will of the North Carolina Synod for us, is highly appreciated and cordially reciprocated.

3. We assure our North Carolina brethren that we most sincerely desire the continuation of "*the friendship which has so long existed between the Lutheran Synods of the two Carolinas,*" and are at all times willing to co-operate with them in the building up and extension of the Evangelical Church.

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. RUDE,

L. MULLER.

J. F. SCHIRMER.

Mr. Wm. Haltiwanger, of Committee No. 5, reported the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the widows' fund, report, that since the appointment of this committee the Treasurer of said fund has reached Synod and reports that he has written to the various persons indebted, sureties as well as principals, one only replying. As the notes and bonds of the fund have not as yet been turned over to the present Treasurer, he desires special instructions in regard to the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HALTIWANGER,

E. M. BLACK,

J. E. CHAPMAN.

Upon the adoption of the above report the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to confer with the former Treasurer of the widows' fund in relation to the assets in his possession, and should they not succeed in obtaining such assets, that the committee be instructed to take such steps as they may think proper.

Committee—Messrs. T. W. Holloway, Major P. E. Wise and J. E. Chapman.

Prof. Smeltzer reported for Committee No. 3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 3.

Your Committee on the State of Religion within the bounds of this Synod would respectfully report:

That they have carefully read the written statements of the different Pastors as presented to Synod and given to your committee.

A few of the Pastors complain of selfishness, apathy and illiberality, and many of them say that their people are not

what they desire them to be. There seems to be a want of interest in religious matters, a cold, dead indifference to the salvation of souls on the part of many members of our church. But while this is true, the good news reaches Synod, coming up from the various pastorates, that our Lutheran Zion has been refreshed from the presence of the Lord. The accessions to our church have been greater than the previous year, and the interest manifested by many is truly encouraging. We rejoice to report that the Lord has blessed the labors of his servants and He is visiting his church.

From these reports, the information obtained from the Pastors and observation, your committee would report that the church is beginning to understand her duty in regard to benevolence. The salaries of many Pastors are increased, and our benevolent operations sustained. Although the church has not yet reached the apostolic standard, the one-tenth of her income, yet we hope and pray that a still greater work may be reported at our next annual meeting and thereby our beloved Zion built up.

It is truly encouraging to read in these reports the interest taken in the Sabbath School, the Bible and catechetical classes. These offshoots of Christianity are not only indoctrinating our children and impressing on their young hearts those *truths* by which they may be enabled to resist their spiritual enemies, but bringing others into our churches and preaching the truth to the world.

Numerous family altars have been erected during the past year, and while in this way praise has ascended to our Father's throne, the old man of 97 years, a miracle of grace, is found bowing at the altar of mercy.

From these reports we drew several inferences:

1. The ministry is responsible for much of the time serving, the illiberality and the cold apathy that exists in the church, as well as they are instruments in the hands of God for the good accomplished. Like priest, like people is no unmeaning maxim. It becomes us at these annual meetings to ask ourselves what have we done to increase the fold of Christ, to draw out the resources of the church, to build up our Zion and to impress upon the lambs of the flock the truth as it is in Jesus.

2. Although our Zion has been refreshed, and our hearts made glad, and the Redeemer's Church increased, yet we ought to redouble our diligence, labor in season and out of season, that the reports may be more cheering at our next meeting—souls converted, churches revived, houses of wor-

ship built and beautified, missionaries sent into the field, missions established, and young men devoting themselves to the ministry.

Your committee offer the following:

Resolved, Relying upon God, our only help and strength, laying firm hold of the promises of Jesus, praying earnestly for the guidance of the spirit, we will go forth from this annual spiritual feast with our consecrated vows renewed, and taking the shield of faith and the sword of the spirit, labor and pray that at our next ingathering we may see our beautiful Zion coming up from the wilderness blooming as the rose.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER,
J. N. DERRICK,
F. J. GATES.

Mr. J. F. Schirmer presented the following as the report of Special Committee No. 2:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE No. 2.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Mrs. F. C. Ring, asking aid, beg leave to report: That the report handed into the Synod by the Treasurer of the Widows' Fund shows the total distribution of its assets, and that there is nothing whatever in hands and no prospect of realizing anything from its old assets. They, therefore, deeply regret that no appropriation can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB F. SCHIRMER,
P. E. WISE,
E. BLACK.

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. W. Berly's charge.....	\$34 00
“ Paul Derrick's charge.....	30 00
“ J. P. Smeltzer's charge.....	8 30
“ B. F. Berry's charge.....	10 00
“ J. N. Derrick's charge	37 55
“ J. H. W. Wertz's charge.....	10 00
“ J. Hawkins' charge.....	69 45
“ J. B. Lowman's charge.....	3 00
“ T. S. Hallman's charge.....	19 75
“ J. H. Baily's charge.....	10 00
“ Dr. Rude's charge.....	7 00

Rev. A. W. Lindler's charge.....	1 00
“ B. Kreps' charge.....	5 25
“ D. Kyser's charge.....	3 00
“ W. S. Bowman's charge.....	32 00
“ L. Muller's charge.....	20 00
“ T. S. Boinest's charge.....	36 60
“ Rev. Dr. Bachman's charge.....	34 00
“ J. A. Sligh's charge.....	70 00
“ W. A. Houck.....	2 00
Mt. Zion Church.....	1 00
Newville Church.....	4 50
Rev. D. P. Cammann's charge.....	10 00

Mr. Schirmer made the following report:

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Advisory Committee appointed by the last meeting of Synod to confer with the Agent then appointed to collect subscriptions and funds for the aid of the College beg leave to report: That soon after the adjournment of Synod the Agent commenced his operations (and although prevented by indisposition and other unavoidable causes at times) he continued his duties. A book and a seal was procured for certificates to be given to each subscriber. He collected in cash \$—, and several subscribers had not yet paid. In August last, one of the committee who had acted as Treasurer of the funds collected, received an order from the Board of Trustees to pay over what monies he had in his hands to Dr. Norman, of Walhalla, Treasurer of the Board. He therefore sent him, in August last, \$279. Soon after Rev. Mr. Smeltzer waited on committee as Agent appointed by the Board of Trustees and to him was paid over what balance was then in hands of the committee, and delivered to him the book and seal, together with the names of those who had subscribed and paid and those remaining unpaid. Said Agent then called upon the Agent of Synod and received from him what balance he had in his hands, after deducting the amount due him, which will more fully appear by that Agent's report. The Agent of Synod deeming it unnecessary to have two Agents in the field, and his health not good, declined and resigned his office. The committee therefore concluded that their duties were closed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. F. SCHIRMER, *Chairman.*

Mr. Jacob F. Schirmer reported on Widows' Fund Society.
On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the Agent of Synod to make a report of his agency, to be inserted in the present Minutes.

REPORT OF AGENT OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

Your Agent appointed to secure scholarships for Newberry College begs to submit the following report:

Number of Scholarships secured	49.	
Amount secured by general subscription.....		\$214 00
Amount collected on Scholarships.....		160 00
Amount collected on general subscription.....		154 00
Total amount collected.....		\$314 00
Paid J. F. Schirmer, Treasurer of Advisory Committee.....		\$133 00
Amount paid Agent for services.....		170 00
Amount paid present Agent, Rev. J. P. Smeltzer....		11 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOUCK, *Agent*.

Resolved, That Good Hope Church be taken from Pastoral District No. 7 and added to No. 6.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed on Pastoral Districts be discharged, and no further changes be made for the present Synodical year.

Rev. J. D. Shiery, formerly of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, having accepted a charge within the bounds of this Synod, and asking to be installed it was

Resolved, That the President arrange the installation services at Beth-Eden Church, S. C.

The following resolution was adopted standing:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are eminently due, and are hereby tendered, to the Lutheran congregations and the citizens of Charleston generally, for their generous hospitality we have shared from their hands and hearts since we have been in their midst, and that we will pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Rev. J. P. Margart having charge of a congregation in the State of Georgia asked for an honorable dismissal from this body to unite with the Synod of Georgia.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the President furnish Brother Margart with the desired document, and that our prayers and best wishes attend him in the connection which he is about to form.

Synod now adjourned to meet to-night at the close of the Missionary Society.

Prayer by Rev. A. W. Lindler.

MONDAY EVENING, 7½ O'CLOCK.

Rev. T. S. Boinest preached from the xiii chapter of Gen., at the 56 verse. At the close of the sermon Rev. H. S. Wingard was solemnly ordained and fully set apart to the holy office of the Christian ministry. A collection was lifted for the benefit of the Missionary Society.

Synod was then closed by the President according to our established order, to meet at the time and place before specified.

J. A. SLIGH,

*Recording Secretary of the Synod
of South Carolina and Adjacent States.*

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

NOVEMBER 17th, 1870.

The Ministerium met at 12 M.

Prayer by Rev. J. P. Margart.

Rev. Prof. Smeltzer presented the name of Mr. H. S. Wingard, a graduate of our Theological Seminary, for ordination.

The President appointed Revs. Smeltzer, Berly and Bowman a committee to examine the applicant and report to the Ministerium.

Adjourned with benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

NOVEMBER 18th, 1870.

Opened with prayer by Rev. C. F. Bansemer.

The President stated that he had received a letter from the

President of the S. W. Virginia Synod, in which he expresses his regrets in the loss of the Rev. J. D. Shiery, and congratulates the Synod of South Carolina in the addition of so worthy a member and efficient Minister.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Shiery, having furnished this body with the proper credentials, be welcomed as a member of this Ministerium, and his name be placed on the clerical roll of our Synod.

Adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

NOVEMBER 19th, 1870.

Prayer by Rev. E. A. Bolles.

Rev. Prof. Smeltzer presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 1.

The Committee appointed to examine Brother Henry S. Wingard would respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them. We have had one interview with the young brother and examined him upon personal piety, motives for entering the ministry, dogmatic theology, and the distinctive doctrines of Lutheranism, on all of which he sustained a most satisfactory examination. Your committee therefore recommend that he be ordained at such time as this Ministerium shall appoint.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER,
W. S. BOWMAN,
WM. BERLY.

Resolved, That the ordination services be performed on Monday night in the church, preceding the addresses of the Missionary Society.

The sermon and journal of Rev. D. Kyser were placed in the hands of Revs. Margart, Berly and P. Derrick.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. M. Gilbert.

FOURTH SESSION.

November 21st, 1870.

Rev. W. Berly offered prayer.

Rev. Margart read the report of Committee on Sermon and Journal of Rev. D. Kyser, which is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 2.

The Committee appointed to examine the Sermon and Journal of Brother D. Kyser beg leave to report: That they have performed the duty assigned them. The Journal shows that this brother has been actively engaged during the past Synodical year in preaching at Lybrand's, Salem, Bush Arbor, St. Peter's, St. David's, Mount Calvary, Congaree Creek and Providence Churches, and that he has preached one time at Graniteville.

The sermon, which is based on Matt. v: 48—"Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect," evinces that our brother's ideas are, in the main, evangelical; but your committee regret that they are not more lucidly expressed. We would recommend to this brother to observe greater care in the order and arrangement of his sermons, and to pay strict attention to orthography and grammatical construction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. MARGART,
PAUL DERRICK,
W. BERLY.

Resolved, That the addition of thirty dollars be allowed Messrs. Hough, Boozer and Busby in pursuing their theological studies.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rev. C. F. Bansemer be excused from to-day's attendance.

The Ministerium having completed its business adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. S. Boinest.

J. A. SLIGH,
Secretary of Ministerium.

JOHN P. AVUL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF SOUTH CARO-

LINA.

1869.

Dr. Cr.

Oct. 16—To cash in hand.....\$143 47

1870.

Aug. 1—To interest up to date..... 6 78

" By cash paid Rev. Margat..... \$100 00

" By cash paid Check..... 25

Oct. 18—By cash paid Rev. B. Kreps..... 50 00

\$150 25 \$150 25

ASSETS.

A note on Rev. N. Aldrich for.....\$16 14

WIDOWS' FUND SOCIETY.

Treasurer of Seminary would respectfully report the following state of the Assets of this Society now in his hands:

1869.

Nov.—Balance reported in hands this date.....\$ 49 02

Amount collected reported this meeting..... 408 96

\$457 98

1870.

Oct.—Received $\frac{4}{5}$ dividend on Gas Company Stock... 30 00

\$487 98

1869.

Nov.—Paid for 20 shares Gas Co. Stock..\$450 00

1870.

July—Deposited in Loan Association.....27 00

Oct.—Deposited in Loan Association.....10 00—\$487 00

Balance in hands of Treasurer..... 98

November 29, 1870.

ASSETS.

Bond of Rev. Chas. H. Bernheim, dated February

15, 1850, with interest from October, 1861, for...\$625 00

Twenty Shares in Gas Company of Charleston, cost. 450 00

Amount deposited in Loan Association..... 37 00

plate building one of their own in a short time. They have connected themselves with the Synod of Georgia.

Brother Kreps feels greatly encouraged in reference to his Church in Graniteville. He states that during the five years of his ministration at that place that the prospects for building up an independent congregation are brighter now than at any previous time; that the Lutheran Church is prospering and doing as well as any of the other religious denominations in the place, and hopes that our Society will continue to foster that point. From his reports we learn that his people are becoming more benevolent; that he has been actively engaged in the discharge of his duties; that he has preached at Graniteville three Sundays in each month; that he has added during the year sixteen members to his Church and kept up a flourishing Sabbath School. He gives it as his opinion that a Minister residing in the place could accomplish a great deal more in building up the congregation.

We know Brother Kreps to be a zealous, unassuming, pious man, and believe his heart to be in his work. Would it not, therefore, be well for our Society to retain him as Missionary and give him such a support as would enable him to move among his people?

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SLIGH,

Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved, That all applications for aid from this Society be placed into the hands of the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the speakers appointed to address the Society be excused.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to obtain from the Treasurer of the Society his Annual report and have it inserted in the Minutes.

Resolved, That all congregational collections not handed in will please be forwarded to the Treasurer without delay.

Resolved, That hereafter the business of this Society be a part of the business of Synod, and that the officers of Synod be the officers of the Missionary Society, with the exception of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That every Pastor be requested to bring with him to Synod an Annual contribution for the Missionary Society.

Resolved, That we request Synod to publish the Minutes of this Society in connection with theirs.

Rev. J. A. Sligh was appointed to preach the next Annual Missionary Sermon of this Society.

The Society adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Prof. Smeltzer.

J. A. SLIGH,

Recording Secretary Missionary Society.

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

St. David's Church, per Rev. Mr. Lowman.....	\$3 75
St. John's Church, Rev. Dr. Bachman.....	33 55
Rev. J. A. Sligh's charge.....	8 00

An election for officers was then held with the following result:

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President—Jacob F. Schirmer.
Vice-Presidents—Revs. Dr. Bachman, W. S. Bowman and Major J. P. Kinard.

Recording Secretary—Rev. J. A. Sligh.
Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. Hawkins.
Executive Committee—Bohnest, Hawkins, Sligh, W. W. Houseal, M. Barre, J. P. Aull and T. W. Holloway.
 The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. A. Sligh, presented the following as his report:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
 Some time in February last application was made to me by the members of the Lutheran Church residing near Americus, in Southwestern Georgia, to assist them in supporting Rev. John P. Margart, of Eufaula, Ala., as Missionary among them. About this same time the Church at Graniteville asked for assistance from our Society in the support of their Pastor, Rev. B. Krepes. I at once called a meeting of the Executive Committee, and it was agreed that Brother Margart should receive \$100, and Brother Krepes \$50. These brethren were duly informed of the action of the committee. During the year I have received reports from both Missionaries, and give the following points as of interest to our Society.

Brother Margart, on the fourth Sunday in May, organized a congregation of about forty members, all of whom were formerly residents of this State and members of St. Mark's and Macedonia Churches, in Edgefield and Lexington Counties. He preached regularly once a month for these people, and not only kept our members from wandering into other folds but brought back those who had already connected themselves with another denomination. We learn that these brethren who now worship in a Methodist Church contem-

MINUTES OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Monday, November 21st, 1870, }
3 o'clock P. M. }

The President, Jacob F. Schirmer, took his seat and called the Society to order.

Rev. D. M. Gilbert offered prayer.

The names of the following Annual members were secured:

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer. \$1	Rev. A. R. Rude. \$1
S. S. Smeltzer. 1	Mrs. T. S. Boimest. 1
Rev. J. A. Sigh. 1	Master J. B. Boimest. 1
Mrs. A. R. Sigh. 1	Mrs. E. M. Torey. 1
Rev. T. S. Boimest. 1	Rev. J. B. Lowman. 1
Major P. E. Wise. 1	" E. Caughman. 1
Miss Margaret Hough. 1	" J. P. Margart. 1
Mrs. R. Bernhardt. 2	" T. Muller. 1
Miss Alice R. Evans. 1	T. C. Moore. 1
Rev. W. S. Bowman. 1	Rev. H. S. Wingard. 1
" B. Krepes. 1	J. F. Schirmer. 1
" D. M. Gilbert. 1	Mrs. J. F. Schirmer. 1
J. E. Rawls, \$1.	
Total. \$26 00	

The names of the following Annual members were presented by Rev. S. T. Hallman, from Pastorate No. 3:

Cap. Louis Feldee. \$5	Miss Elia E. Fogle. \$1
John Magrill. 5	" Mary Ann Fogle. 1
Richard Magrill. 5	" M. C. Wolf. 1
E. H. Trick. 1	N. B. Stoudenmire. 1
Cap. A. J. Hydrick. 1	Mrs. M. T. Fogle. 1
W. J. Bookhardt. 1	Miss E. Hungerpeler. 1
D. J. Zeagler. 1	W. E. McMichael. 1
J. J. H. Stoudenmire. 1	J. C. Wolf. 1
D. P. Fogle. 1	G. J. Zeagler. 1
A. G. Karick. 1	S. F. Felder. 1
Wm. Watt. 1	W. A. Fogle. 1
J. H. Shire. 1	J. W. Mack. 1
Mrs. D. C. Stoudenmire. 1	Miss Angelina Strook. 1
" A. E. Trick. 1	" Georgia Haigler. 1
" Eugenia Carson. 1	" Ann Watt. 1
Miss R. E. Zeagler. 1	" Alice A. Zeagler. 1

In addition to the above the same charge gives \$12 25 in smaller amounts. 5

\$44 00

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS REPORTING.	No. of Congregation.	Children Baptized.	Members Re-		Dismissions.	Communicants.	Death of Members.	Prayer Meetings.	Sabbath Schools	Teachers.	Scholars.	Synodical Fund.	Missionary Society.	College Fund.	Local Objects.	Salary Promised.	Salary Paid.
			Baptism.	Confirmation.													
J. Bachman, D.D.	1	60	10	24	2	400	20	...	1	80	400	...	33 55	1 00	...	2100 00	2100 00
D. Kyser	1	12	...	6	...	69	...	3	2	10	30	...	3	...	...	...	...
B. F. Berry	2	2	...	9	...	114	...	...	1	4	80	10	10	...	...	100 00	108 00
J. H. W. Vertiz	2	15	...	3	1	160	...	...	1	5	75	5	10	...	...	210 00	130 00
A. R. Rude, D.D.	1	22	...	...	...	80	1	1	1	11	72	5	5	...	...	...	...
J. Hawkins*	3	7	...	9	6	150	5	2	1	12	60	69 45	...	...	200 00	100 00	...
J. B. Lowman	2	25	8	38	16	160	2	1	2	9	75	4 00	3 65	...	...	80 00	130 00
S. Y. Hallman	2	5	1	23	1	156	8	...	2	16	113	19 75	56 25	...	155 00	530 00	357 00
S. Y. Hallman	3	16	4	12	...	210	2	4	3	16	140	10 20	...	...	...	...	...
J. H. Bailey	2	4	1	27	...	97	...	1	3	9	67	34 00	...	...	...	350 00	...
W. Beryl	2	14	1	13	...	2	4	...	5	18	145	38 00	...	...	...	400 00	200 00
Paul Derrick	4	20	...	12	...	416	4	...	2	25	325	20 00	...	...	100 00	1300 00	216 00
L. Mulier	1	92	...	27	115	575	30	...	1	24	325	20 00	...	...	...	...	...
J. N. Derrick	1	4	...	6	...	21	5	1	1	15	95	8 30	...	...	...	...	70 00
J. P. Smeltzer	1	31	...	14	7	3	218	2	1	24	222	32 00	...	...	200 00	1600 00	1350 00
W. S. Bowman	2	10	12	23	1	197	1	1	1	7	70	5 25	...	...	130 00	264 00	222 00
B. Kreps	2	11	...	5	...	115	...	...	1	11	80	10 00	...	...	...	1000 00	1000 00
D. P. Cammann	1	11	...	...	...	600	7	4	5	28	260	70 00	8 00	...	...	700 00	550 00
J. A. Sligh	5	25	...	24	2	500	7	2	4	33	190	36 60	18 75	11 45	350 00	650 00	300 00
T. S. Bonnest	4	37	4	17	1	...	...	...	1	8	65	1 00	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Zion	1	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	4 50	...	...	...	...	...
Newville	1	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sandy Run	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	43	412	40	292	152	22 4488	98	22	39	335	2557	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Liberty Hill in this charge had no preaching, but is reported with the other Churches.

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Treasurer of Widows' Fund,

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Treasurer of Missionary Society,

CAPTAIN J. P. AULL.....NEWBERRY, S. C.

Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society,

REV. J. HAWKINS.....FROG LEVEL, S. C.

The Forty-seventh Annual Convention of the Synod of South Carolina will be held in Newville Church, Frog Level, S. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1871.